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SUBJECT: EXCERPT FROM PENTAGON NEWS BRIEFING OCT 31.

1.Q: COULD YOU COMMENT ON THE PERSISTENT REPORTS ABOUT  
THE BUILDING OF MORE SILOS THAN ALLOWED IN THE ARMS  
TREATY -- 200 NEW SILOS?

2.A: NO. THAT QUESTION WAS ASKED THE OTHER DAY, AND MY  
ANSWER WAS NO COMMENT.

3.Q: GENERAL BROWN SAID THERE WERE NO TREATY VIOLATIONS AND  
YOU'RE SAYING NO COMMENT.

4.A: GENERAL BROWN SAID WE HAD NO EVIDENCE OF VIOLATIONS OF  
THE SALT TREATY AND I'VE SAID THAT AS WELL. I REPEAT IT  
TODAY.

5.Q: WOULDN'T THAT BE A VIOLATION OF THE ARMS TREATY IS  
THEY WERE CONSTRUCTING UP TO 200 SILOS?

6.A: WE WENT THROUGH THIS EXACT SAME GROUND ONCE BEFORE AND  
I SAID THEN -- AND WE CAN DIG IT OUT FOR YOU -- THAT THERE  
IS A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF MISSILE SILOS THAT CAN BE  
BUILT UNDER THE SALT AGREEMENT, AND WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE OF  
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ANY VIOLATION OF THAT AGREEMENT.

7.Q: ARE YOU SUGGESTING THAT THE HOLES OR WHATEVER IS BEING CONSTRUCTED ARE NOT MISSILE SILOS, IS THAT CORRECT?

8.A: THAT'S A FAIR INFERENCE.

9.Q: ARE YOU SAYING THAT THEY ARE CONSTRUCTING SOMETHING UNDERGROUND WHICH CAN BE SOMETHING OTHER THAN SILOS?

10. A: THERE HAVE BEEN SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE SOVIETS ARE BUILDING SOME COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITIES IN THEIR SILO FIELDS. THEY'VE HAD COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITIES BEFORE, AS OBVIOUSLY YOU'D ALWAYS HAVE COMMAND AND CONTROL ASSOCIATED WITH MISSILE FIRING. THIS IS NOT REALLY NEW, IT HAS BEEN IN THE PRESS FOR AT LEAST A COUPLE OF YEARS.

11. Q: DOES ONE OF THOSE THINGS LOOK LIKE A MISSILE SILO? THE LAST TIME I WAS IN A MINUTEMAN COMMAND AND CONTROL CENTER, I DON'T REMEMBER THAT IT LOOKED LIKE A SILO.

12. A: THE SOVIETS DON'T ALWAYS FOLLOW OUR ARCHITECTURAL STYLES.

13. Q: WHAT STYLE THEY DO USE IS WHAT I'M ASKING.

14. A: I DON'T WANT TO GO INTO SPECIFICS ON THAT TODAY.

15. Q: WE'RE LEFT WITH GENERAL BROWN SAYING CATEGORICALLY THE SOVIETS HAVE NOT VIOLATED THE SALT AGREEMENT. WE ASK

YOU ABOUT REPORTS THAT THEY'RE BUILDING UP TO 200 NEW SILOS AND YOU SAY "NO COMMENT." YOU SAY THERE ARE SUBLIMITS TO THE TYPES OF SILOS THAT CAN BE BUILT. I'M SURE THAT 200 WOULD BE A VIOLATION OF THE TREATY.

16. A: I THINK I'VE GONE BEYOND THAT NOW IN THE MORE RECENT DISCUSSION IN SAYING THAT THERE APPEARS TO BE SOME CONSTRUCTION OF COMMAND AND CONTROL FACILITIES IN THE MISSILE FIELDS.

17. Q: I BELIEVE THE SALT AGREEMENT SET UP A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH JUST THIS KIND OF QUESTION. HAS THIS BEEN RAISED WITH THE SOVIET UNION?

18. A: I DO NOT CARE TO GO INTO WHAT HAS OR HASN'T BEEN DISCUSSED IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION. I DON'T THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO DO SO. INGERSOLL

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